

What is claimed is:

1. (~~Currently Amended~~) A system for setting-up a future audio conference between a host party and at least one participant party, said system comprising:

a call control engine for receiving a future audio conference request from the host party;

a conference call database having a plurality of entries, wherein the future audio conference request is stored on one of entries;

a call facility for making audio connections, according to the future audio conference request, to the host party and at least one participant, said call facility first attempting an audio connection to the host party and making an audio connection to the at least one participant after the host party has answered the audio connection; and

a call bridging facility for bridging the audio connections between the host party and the at least one participant.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a timer facility for setting a timer for the future audio conference request.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the future audio conference request includes

a future meeting time,

a host destination, and

at least one participant destination.

4. (~~Currently Amended~~) The system of claim 1, wherein the host destination is a telephone number.

5. (~~Currently Amended~~) The system of claim 1, wherein the at least one participant party destination is a telephone number.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the audio connections are made through a public switched telephone network.
7. (Currently ~~Amended~~) The system of claim ~~31~~, wherein the host definition is an e-mail address.
8. (Currently ~~Amended~~) The system of claim ~~13~~, wherein the at least one participant party destination is an e-mail address.
9. (Currently ~~Amended~~) The system of claim ~~13~~, wherein the host destination is an Internet Protocol address.
10. (Currently ~~Amended~~) The system of claim ~~31~~, wherein the at least one participant party destination is an Internet Protocol address.
11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the audio connections are made through the Internet.
12. - ~~18~~. (Canceled)
19. (Currently ~~Amended~~) A method for setting-up a future audio conference call between a host party and at least one participant party, the method comprising:
receiving a future audio conference call request from the host party, wherein the future audio conference request includes
a future meeting time,
a host party destination, and
at least one participant party destination;
storing the future audio conference call request in a database entry;
retrieving the database entry at the future meeting time;
~~attempting to connect~~ connecting the host party destination at the future meeting time;

connecting the at least one participant party destination if the host party destination establishes a connection; and
bridging the host party destination to the at least one participant party destination.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein bridging the host party destination to the at least one participant party destination is accomplished on a telephone switch.
21. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein connecting the host party destination is accomplished through the Internet.
22. (Original) The method of claim 19 further comprising
setting a timer, and
associating the timer to the database entry.
23. (Currently ~~Amended~~) A computer readable medium for storing a computer program that sets up a future audio conference call between a host party and at least one participant party, the computer program for use in:
receiving a future audio conference call request from the host party, wherein the future audio conference request includes
a future meeting time,
a host party destination, and
at least one participant party destination;
storing the future audio conference call request in a database entry;
retrieving the database entry at about the future meeting time;
~~attempting to connect~~ connecting the host party destination;
connecting the at least one participant party destination if the host party destination establishes a connection; and
bridging the host party destination to the at least one participant party destination.
24. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the program is for further use in:

setting a timer, and
associating the timer to the database entry.

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